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EXDIS FOR CHIEF OF MISSION

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OTRA, PDIP, PN, PPDC, BR

SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT GEISEL INVITING HIM TO BILATERAL MEETING IN CONNECTION WITH PANAMA CANAL CEREMONIES TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7. LETTER SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO HIGHEST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY. IN DELIVERING MESSAGE, PLEASE ALSO MAKE FOLLOWING THREE POINTS: (1) TACTFULLY SUGGEST THAT DELEGATION BE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE BUT INCLUDE WIFE OF CHIEF OF STATE; (2) ADVISE THAT THE CHIEF OF STATE AND HIS WIFE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A STATE DINNER WHICH WILL TAKE
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PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SIGNING CEREMONY, SEPTEMBER 7; AND (3) INFORM THAT MRS. CARTER IS PLANNING A SEPARATE EVENT FOR WIVES.

2. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST RESPONSE TO LETTER (AND WHETHER WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY).

3. FYI: OUR CURRENT COUNT IS THAT 15 CHIEFS OF STATE

SO FAR HAVE AT LEAST TENTATIVELY DECIDED TO COME.

4. TEXT OF LETTER.

BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT AFTER 13 YEARS OF NEGOTIATIONS, THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON NEW PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. I BELIEVE THAT THESE TREATIES REPRESENT AN HISTORIC MOMENT IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE AMERICAS, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SHARE THAT MOMENT WITH ME AND WITH CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT OMAR TORRIJOS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FUTURE IN WHICH THE SAME SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND OF MUTUAL RESPECT THAT GUIDED US THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS WILL GUIDE RELATIONS AMONG THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE HAS HELPED ME GREATLY IN UNDERSTANDING YOUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON THE MAJOR ISSUES OF CONCERN TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ROSALYNN HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR HOSPITALITY AND OF YOUR USEFUL DIALOGUE, AND IF YOU CAN ATTEND THE SIGNING CEREMONY, I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU PERSONALLY TO DISCUSS MAJOR

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SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS ON ANY MATTERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS DURING OUR MEETING.

PLEASE CONVEY MY WARMEST FRIENDSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF BRAZIL ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND ACCEPT MY OWN PERSONAL BEST WISHES. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

5. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION ON ARRANGEMENTS AND LOGISTICAL QUESTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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